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Beach access at last for wheelchair users

AT LAST wheelchair users can get down on to the beach and enjoy a day on the sand at Southend, thanks to a local charity.

Until Tram Stop Shelter stepped in there was no way down to the beach along the seven miles of Southend seafront for people in wheelchairs – they had to be parked away from the fun, while their families enjoyed the sand.

But now special matting has been laid on the slipway off Thorpe Esplanade and on to the sand below – and last Saturday youngsters in their wheelchairs turned up for the “grand opening of the slipway” and their first time on the sand.

“It was a marvellous event. There were so many smiling faces from the young people who were able to actually get on to the beach in their chairs for the first time,” said Bob Craven, chairman and trustee of the charity.

“It is about time wheelchair users had access to our beaches and are no longer excluded from fully enjoying themselves.

“We plan to do more to help disabled people enjoy the beach. We hope to rebuild the tram shelter, which has had to be demolished because it was unsafe, and include toilets and changing facilities in the new build.”

Tram Stop Shelter spent many months researching the best mats for the job and wheelchairs that could go over sand.



SAND AND DELIVER: Bob Craven, Stella Lock and Phillip Deam lay the mats on Southend beach to allow wheelchairs access on to the beach

Photo by Martin Dalton

A team of volunteers turned up to help Bob put the final touches to the slipway – which is now ready for wheelchairs to use.

“We want as many people as possible to come here and enjoy the beach. It’s time disabled people should have the same fun as the rest of their

families. We’ve made a start but we have plans to make the beach a happy and rewarding experience for disabled people,” he added.

Bob said the charity had been partnered by Southend Council, local businesses, voluntary groups and charities to get the scheme going.

BLUE FLAGS FLYING HERE

By Pat Higgins

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THREE of Southend’s beaches have won prestigious Blue Flags and all seven given seaside awards by Keep Britain Tidy.

Only two local authority areas in the country, Cornwall with 19 and Torbay 13 received more awards, and of seven new blue flags awarded across the country, Southend scooped three of them.

East Beach, Shoebury Common and Thorpe Bay beaches will join

65 others across England flying a Blue Flag this summer after meeting the highest standards for cleanliness, facilities and water quality.

Chalkwell, Jubilee, Bell Wharf and Three Shells beaches (along with the four awarded the Blue Flag) will join another 107 that have been presented with a seaside award for beaches that are well-managed and maintained.

Scott Dolling, head of enterprise, tourism and economic regeneration, said: “The number of Blue Flags awarded to English beaches

increased by seven this year, and three came to Southend, which is an excellent achievement.

“All of our beaches will be flying either the Blue Flag or have a seaside award, telling residents and visitors that they are the best in the country.

“Both awards are the quality marks for our beaches and mean those visiting them can be sure that they are clean and safe and meet the highest environmental standards, as well as the tough bathing water quality standards. Work is also nearing completion on our exciting lagoon project,

meaning that, by this summer, beachgoers eager for a dip in the sea will be able to so whether the tide is in or out.

“Southend welcomes around six million visitors per year and the tourism economy supports around 7,000 jobs.

“Building the lagoon will make the sea accessible all day, every day throughout the summer. Added to the many other regeneration projects taking place along the entire seafront, there are more reasons than ever to visit Southend this summer,” he added.

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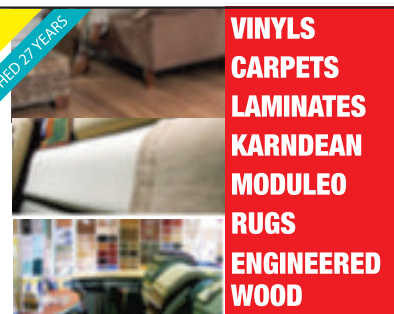
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Airport plans take off

Radical proposals for Southend create a buzz as investment taps into 'enormous potential'

PLANS to create more than 7,000 jobs in a new business park at Southend airport have been described as 'a game changer for local people' by a government minister.

Mark Francois, Thames Gateway minister and MP for Rayleigh and Wickford, last Friday saw first-hand how Rochford and Southend councils intend to transform large areas of land into a new business park.

The two councils have adopted a joint area action plan (JAAP) to support local businesses in the aviation and high-end engineering sectors.

JAAP will complement the new Thames Estuary 2050 Growth Commission announced at Budget.

Mr Francois said: "Thames Gateway is on the up, and the Growth Commission is steering it towards its enormous potential over the next few decades.

"There are massive investments



MAKING A POINT (l-r) Shaun Scrutton, director Rochford Council, and Andrew Lewis, corporate director for place at Southend Council, showing Thames Gateway Minister Mark Francois the JAAP

being made in the Gateway, and Southend Airport's growth has already been a game changer for local people.

"That's why I'm pleased to see council leaders grasping the opportunities this potential provides and I look forward to seeing how their plans to create thousands of good new jobs take off."

John Lamb, Southend Council leader said: "Our ambitious plans with Rochford are a once-in-a-generation opportunity to bring in significant private sector investment, and generate thousands of new jobs in the area.

"Our vision with Rochford is crucial to the area's future prosperity, so I am delighted we have the key planning consents. We have appointed Henry Boot Developments as our development partner to enable the plans to go ahead smoothly. Infrastructure works

JAAP proposals at a glance

★ 4,200 additional jobs (excluding direct airport-related employment) in the period to 2021 and 2,000 additional jobs in the period post 2021

★ A further 1,180 additional jobs will be created within the boundary of London Southend Airport in the period to 2021

★ A new Airport Business Park providing up to 87,000 square metres of new business space. Plans include a new Anglian Ruskin Medtech campus, an innovation centre, hotel, space for local engineering

and aviation businesses and 'good quality' office space

★ Businesses and councils in the area have ambitions to see further growth and investment locally, in line with the local, LEP and national strategic priorities which deliver jobs, homes and skills

★ Led by Lord Heseltine, the Growth Commission brings together 16 experts from international business and government to set out a vision for growth over the next few decades

will be starting shortly."

Rochford Council councillor Terry Cutmore said: "Regeneration of the airport has already created massive employment opportunities. Realisa-

tion of the JAAP could create in the region of 7,000 additional jobs and ensure that both Rochford and Southend benefit from infrastructure improvements.



S-cool for cats

Pupils at a Rochford school were purring with delight as they welcomed their visitors last week.

Southend Cat Protection brought along some feline friends and spent time with the youngsters from Holt Farm Junior School. They learned how to look after the mysterious creatures and took part in different activities throughout the week.

Lucy Wass, deputy head at the Ashington Road school, said: "I love cats and have two myself, so I was pleased that our pupils had the chance to meet the cats. They really loved having cats around."

The youngsters ended the week by making cat masks.



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Dunkirk spirit lives on

IT WAS a time for bitter-sweet memories for two veterans when they stepped aboard a little ship – just like the ones which rescued them from Dunkirk 76 years ago.

David Whiteman, 96, and Alfred Smith, 97, who had both been stranded on the French beach in 1940, joined the crew on the cockle boat Endeavour at Leigh, for a short trip out to sea, before it leaves for the annual Association of Dunkirk Little Ships Commemorative Cruise, from May 28 to 30.

Finlay Marshall, the archivist from the trust which restored Endeavour, also a survivor from Dunkirk, said: "The veterans arrived wearing their medals and were soon swapping memories. It was an emotional event."

After half an hour at sea, Endeavour returned to shore to drop its honoured guests back on dry land before venturing onto Ramsgate for its reunion with other small craft which had made that perilous journey to rescue the beleaguered army.

Mr Smith, from Shoeburyness, served with the Royal Army Service Corps and was rescued from the beach



MEMORIES: David Whiteman (left) and Alfred Smith ready to board the plucky vessel Endeavour (right)

after two days on the beach – without food or water – while under attack from shellfire and bombs.

He was one of a handful from his



unit to be rescued. He went on to serve on D-day and last year was awarded the Legion d'Honneur by the French government.

Mr Whiteman was a medic with the Royal Army Medical Corps tending the wounded as the troops of the British Expeditionary Force withdrew to the coast.

Now living in Laindon, Mr Whiteman remembers: "It was Hell. We were mortared, bombed and gunned with no cover at all. I was treating soldiers for shrapnel and bullet wounds and trying to get them evacuated. The little boats were trying to get the boys off in batches of 50 but that wasn't working and it became every man for himself."

Eventually he managed to get to the Mole at Dunkirk where he queued for 72 hours before a boat came for him.

Also present was Bill Brewster, whose father was rescued by the Endeavour. Bill was at school in Bangalore, India when his father, also Bill, was trapped on the beach.

"Dad had been shot three times," says Bill. "He was posted as a missing person and I didn't see him again until 1947 when I was 14 and didn't recognise him."

The endeavour will move to France this month to be filmed for director Christopher Nolan's film, Dunkirk, starring Kenneth Branagh, Mark Rylance and Tom Hardy.

Tides



High tide at Southend Pier:

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NEWS IN BRIEF

● **MORE** than 50 brave souls abseiled down Southend Hospital's ten-storey tower block this week to raise money for different wards or their own charity choice. They descended the 154 feet, many in fancy dress, hoping to equal last year's £10,000. Supported wards includes the renal, baby, critical care and oncology units. Email fundraising@southend.nhs.uk to join next year.

● Nearly 13,000 residents have signed up for MySouthend Service, the secure online service where residents and businesses can manage transactions such as council tax and business rates 24 hours a day. Two sets of five Adventure Island tickets – for residents who register by June 30 – are up for grabs. Register at southend.gov.uk/mysouthend

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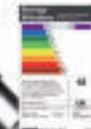
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Beyond the call of duty

ZACHARY Carpenter, has won a prestigious Diana Award for helping to give fellow young carers a national voice.

The 16-year-old from Shoebury helps care for his disabled father, Don, but is also a Young Carer champion and has played a pivotal role in ensuring young carers have a say in the local and national issues which affect them.

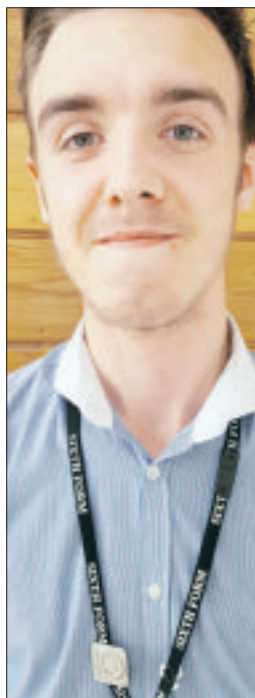
Zachary has helped influence amendments to the Care Act 2015 and the Children's and Family Act 2015, which have established better legal support for young carers and their families.

Zachary speaks and provides information at youth events, chairs his local young carers forum and supports fellow members.

His father Don said: "He is a hardworking and thoughtful young man who puts the needs of others before his own. His life has been a challenge and has involved the overcoming of adversity – with kindness.

"I'm not sure how our family unit would have fared without his input and understanding.

"He has always contributed to the running of our house



SELFLESS Award winner
Zachary Carpenter

without complaint. His support allows me to access life outside our home, increasing the quality of my life."

Zachary received his Diana Award at the eastern regional version of UK-wide Inspire events.

Since 1999, the award has recognised the efforts of more than 45,000 young people who have made a significant difference to the lives of others.

Southend Council executive councillor for children and learning, James Courtenay, said: "We are extremely proud of Zachary."

Tessy Ojo, chief executive of the Diana Award said: "These youngsters come from all walks of life and many have disadvantaged backgrounds. But they all share a deep sense of social responsibility."

"I'm not sure how our family would've fared without his efforts..."

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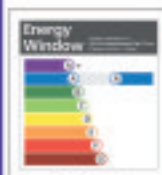
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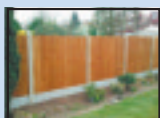
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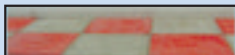
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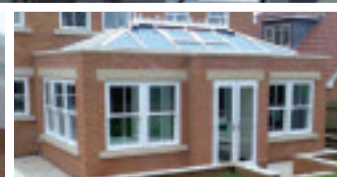
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New pier attractions kick-start summer season



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GETTING a 'Southend Pier' postmark could become a must-do activity for visitors to the borough, the council's regeneration chief hopes.

A new pier-head postal service at the end of the world's longest pleasure pier is just one item in a package of attractions launched last week in time for the summer season.

Local businessman Darren Lattimer teed off with the 12-hole Southend Crazy Golf course, with obstacles including Olga the Octopus.

Also, the end-of-pier café at the Royal Pavilion has been relaunched as the Salt Café, offering a range of locally sourced food and drink.

And ten pop-up beach huts

will open on the bowling deck, providing a mix of music, art and entertainment.

Scott Dolling, the council's head of economy, regeneration and tourism, said: "We're delighted with the new investments, which demonstrate confidence from the private sector in our plans for the pier's renaissance."

"The visitor experience on the pier this summer will be bigger and better and will grow its appeal while longer-term investments materialise."

Southend Pier has survived several fires and shipping collisions in its long colourful history.

The most recent fire was in 2005, devastating the bowling

alley. The Council has since invested in a new sprinkler system along the length of the pier.

A study this year is looking into options for a new building to replace the former pavilion, which burned down in 1995.

A transport feasibility study is also being carried out, looking into what could replace the current train system, which has served the Pier for 30 years.



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SUPPORT: Fire crews offered advice to homes after a fatal fire in Westcliff
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FIREFIGHTERS are targeting 50 homes in Westcliff with safety advice after a fire in a block of flats in Balmoral Road last month claimed the life of a pregnant woman.

Essex County Fire and Rescue Service's community safety team will look to identify risks in each property, help create escape plans and offer carbon monoxide detection and smoke alarm advice.

Divisional officer Neil Fenwick said: "People are clearly shaken following this tragic fire and

it is essential we reassure residents. We have had a real presence in the area, with firefighters and our community safety officers knocking on doors and offering safety advice.

"Our after-incident response will help keep the community safer, with dozens of properties set to receive home safety visits following this tragic incident. These life-saving checks will reassure residents while keeping their neighbours safe. The visits will teach people how to best respond in a time of real danger."

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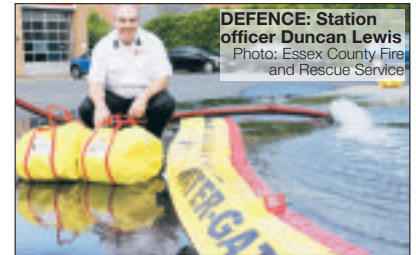
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Children celebrate hospice mascot's Betsy's first birthday

MASCOT Betsy the Butterfly celebrated her first birthday and the start of national children's hospice week.

The colourful character has fluttered to many events across the county since she was introduced at Thundersley's Little Havens Hospice during last year's celebrations.

Families picnicked at the party at the hospice's Krafty Kids Club for children whose loved one is seriously ill or has died before heading off to the fields surrounding Little Havens to play games.

The court from Basildon and Pitsea Carnival – two princesses and the queen – joined the group to sing Happy Birthday to Betsy and blow out the candles on her cake.

The carnival court and committee chairman

toured the hospice and the queen and princesses left handprints on the wall.

Little Havens' play therapist Jane Harwood said: "The children really look forward to Krafty Kids, coming together with others their age who are in a similar situation and talking about their feelings or what's been going on in their life."

"This session was particularly special as we celebrated Betsy's birthday, and as the families joined us too to mark this occasion."

"We'd like to say thank you to the carnival court for taking time out of their weekend to visit us and talk with the children, and we wish them luck in their upcoming parade."

Little Havens is part of Havens Hospices, which includes Fair Havens Hospice in Westcliff. To find out more visit havenshospices.org.uk.



BIRTHDAY: Betsy the Butterfly with children and the carnival court at Little Havens Hospice



IN FOR THE LONG RUN: CEO Jamie Sawtell is running 26 miles along the A127

Marathon man Jamie's running for MegaCentre

JAMIE Sawtell has chosen an unusual route for his planned charity run – pounding the pavements along the A127.

The CEO from Rayleigh MegaCentre will be covering 26 miles from the M25 to Southend finishing at the centre, on Sunday, June 26.

Jamie, who is running to raise money to support the centre's programmes for young people and families, admits he is not a "natural runner" but is training hard with Neil Henson from

Esteem Health and Fitness.

He added: "Our aim at the MegaCentre Rayleigh is to support young people and families through difficult times and situations."

"This isn't a short-term engagement, but we're in it for the long run – hence taking on the marathon distance."

The MegaCentre delivers support for young people and families through youth clubs, parenting courses, mentoring, support services and group

work projects.

His route is from the M25 to Rayleigh Weir, along High Street, back to the Weir on to Southend Victoria and then to the finish at MegaCentre in Brook Road.

Donations can be made at megacentrerayleigh.co.uk which links to the centre's online giving pages.

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Hospital's critical care is good, say inspectors

CRITICAL care at Basildon Hospital has been rated "good" by health inspectors.

The upgrade, revealed in a report last week, was based on an inspection by the Care Quality Commission (CQC) in February.

Last March the CQC downgraded the hospital's critical care service from "good" to "requires improvement".

Inspectors found this year there had been "significant improvements made to how safe, effective, responsive and well-led the service was".

Professor Sir Mike

Richards, chief inspector of hospitals, wrote: "Staffing levels for nursing, medical and therapies staff had improved and were at a safe level. The mortality ratio for the unit has reduced significantly since our last inspection. The critical care unit acquired infection in the blood rates per 100 admissions was consistently in line with or better than the England average."

"There had been notable improvements in the leadership of the critical care and outreach service. Morale and culture within the critical care and out-

reach service had improved significantly since our previous inspection. The critical care unit does not currently meet the core standard of 50 per cent of registered nurses having a recognised critical care course, with 27 per cent of

nursing staff who had completed their certificate in critical care. A number of staff were on the course and the rates by the end of the year were expected to reach over 50 per cent."

Hospital chief executive Clare Panniker said: "We are delighted

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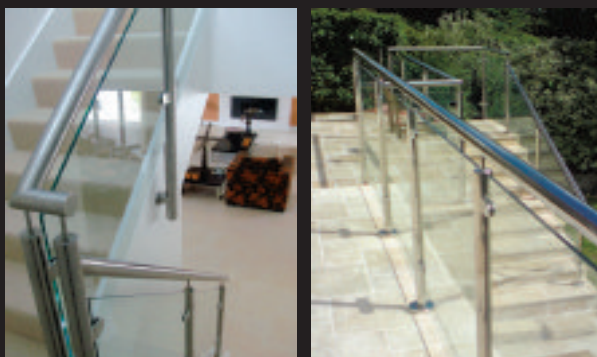
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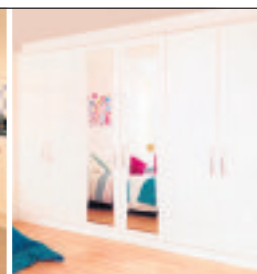
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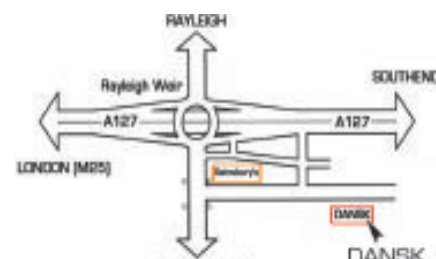
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Referendum draws ever closer

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So I fail to understand why anyone could have a problem deciding what to do or even worse make the wrong decision. You only have to consider our history as an island that has often had to defend ourselves against the very people that could now take us over.

Why would we surrender to a German-controlled Europe?

Are we going to listen to the first prime minister in our history that wants to surrender our country to a foreign power without the courage or ability to fight for those he is failing to represent?

We don't need to understand the arguments from either side, just open our eyes and see our services failing due to underfunding while we give away millions of pounds to the foreign leaders so that they can govern us – something that could not be achieved through two world wars.

How can we give away the liberty that our fathers and grandfathers fought and died for?

If staying in Europe is an economical move, it is for the rich and not for the majority.

We are not puppets, so time to act like British patriots and vote Out.

Do we want to be European

governed by foreign leaders or do you want to remain British with our own government hopefully with our present leaders replaced with patriots?

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All this and, I understand, the

number of Brussels bureaucrats is less than those employed by the Ministry of Defence. We are unaware of what leaving the EU will bring about other than reversal of some of the above legislation in the name of national sovereignty.

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● ALL votes count in the referendum on whether we remain a member of the European Union – of which we have been a member for almost half-a-century after initially being refused entry over 13 years of earnest supplication – or we leave.

Not as in a general election, whereby owing to the iniquities of our first-past-the-post electoral system so many votes are merely sacrificially cast in constituencies where long-standing political tribal lines have them for the most part sewn, if not exactly stitched up. Half the votes plus one is enough to win and the registration deadline to participate in the referendum is midnight Tuesday, June 7.

But to cut and run now is not patriotism and love of country – as some very angrily tabloid-wound up leavers would have it – it's just nationalistic posturing at the expense of the nation that would damage our nation's standing in the world irreparably.

Love your country? Then vote Remain!

**John Haran
Leigh-on-Sea**

A marriage made in heaven?

WITH no one party managing to achieve a majority in the council chamber in Southend-on-Sea it was inevitable that an amount of horse-trading would ensue.

While I take no pleasure in seeing the Tories back in control, the marriage of two right-wing parties to make this possible was inevitable.

At least those who allowed themselves to believe that UKIP was an alternative to Conservatives will now be somewhat disabused of this notion.

What was surprising, though, was the sight of a Conservative leader effectively bribing his own members to support his challenge for leadership of the council. Weak leadership now characterises the top of the local Conservative Party.

Cllr Lamb has expanded the size of the cabinet (in spite of pledges to do the exact reverse) so that dissident voices could be bought off. The only other explanation is that it takes eight Tories to do what the joint administration man-

aged with seven (which may be true in any case).

For the record I have never had to be seduced into showing my loyalty, nor offered support in exchange for either filthy lucre or the baubles of office. I support my party as that is where my principles lie.

As for some in the Conservative Party, it seems that their attitude to principles mirrors that of Groucho Marx ("Those are my principles, and if you don't like them... well, I have others.").

**Cllr Julian Ware-Lane
Labour
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Volunteers make a real difference

THE 304 people across Essex who volunteer for The Children's Society are the lifeblood of our organisation and are crucial to our fight against child poverty and teenage neglect. I want to mark national Volunteers' Week (June 1-12) by thanking all our volunteers, whether they help out in our shops,

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I am also grateful to our volunteer campaigners – 977 of them in Essex – who strive to make the law work better for vulnerable children. In the past 12 months they have helped press energy companies to improve their treatment of households who have fallen behind with their bills.

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**Matthew Reed
Chief Executive
The Children's Society**

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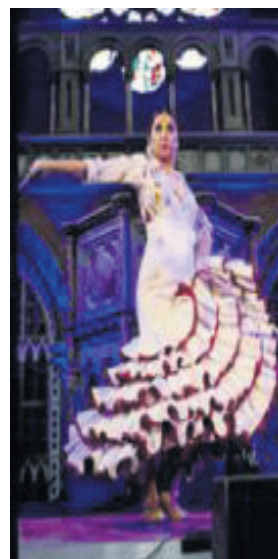
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FEEL-GOOD FUN:
Charlie Borg, left,
and Jai Sepple as
Josh Baskin in *Big
The Musical*

By Liz Wade

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BIG, the heart-warming and hilarious Broadway musical based on the 1988 Penny Marshall movie starring Tom Hanks, is at Brookside Theatre, Romford.

The production, which tells the story of Josh Baskin, a 12-year-old boy who hates being little, opened on Tuesday and plays until Saturday, June 4.

When one night at the carnival the mysterious Zoltar machine grants Josh his wish to be big, he becomes trapped in an adult's body. Alone in New York, he innocently tries to find his way around

a grown-up world where it is all work and no play.

But while everyone around him tries to act their age, Josh just cannot help being himself. Maybe he can teach the adults a thing or two? *Big* is a joyous musical spectacular that will enchant audiences of all ages as it brilliantly brings to life the magic of one of the best-loved movies of all time.

With a cast of 24, including a troupe of amazing young performers playing the roles of young Josh, Billy and friends, this show promises to be one audiences at Brookside Theatre will remember.

Theatre manager and founder, Jai Sepple, who plays Josh Baskin,

said: "This is a fantastic musical for anyone who has ever been a 12-year-old. Whether you remember the movie or not, this is a high-energy, hilarious but touching musical not to be missed."

"A true feel-good night out." Jai, who has worked professionally both on and off stage for more than 20 years, is an accomplished director, producer, performer and internationally-acclaimed playwright.

The founder and artistic director of Brookside Theatre is proud of the charity and community work he has undertaken throughout his life, especially turning the long-forgotten and derelict Romford

War Memorial into a community venue the town can be proud of.

He has 200 theatrical credits to his name, including the title roles in *Jesus Christ Superstar* and *Sweeney Todd*, and appearances as *Daddy Warbucks* in *Annie*, *Fagin* in *Oliver!*, *Galileo* in *We Will Rock You*, *Robbie* in *The Wedding Singer*, and his musical, *Disco Inferno*, is performed regularly throughout the world.

Big features songs by David Shire and Richard Maltby with a book by John Wiedman. The show is directed and produced by the award-winning team behind other critically acclaimed Brookside productions including

Avenue Q, *The Addams Family* and *The Woman in Black*.

Another equally entertaining production will take to the stage at Theydon Village Hall, in Coppice Row, Theydon Bois, next week.

Rumours, a comedy by Neil Simon, is being staged by members of Theydon Bois Drama Society, from Thursday to Saturday, June 9-11.

The play explores what happens when four couples are invited to celebrate the 10th wedding anniversary of two of their friends – one of whom is Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

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Ryan Gosling as Holland March and Russell Crowe as Jackson Healy in *The Nice Guys*
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Black comedy hits the spot

THE NICE GUYS (15, 116 mins)

GOOD things come to those who wait. Every decade, film-maker Shane Black unspools a deliciously off-kilter buddy action comedy that plays fast and loose with the conventions of the genre.

In 1996, he penned *The Long Kiss Goodnight* starring Geena Davis and Samuel L Jackson, which metamorphosed a picture-perfect suburban mom into a finely honed killing machine.

In 2005, he repeated the feat and also sat in the director's chair for the potty-mouthed murder mystery *Kiss Kiss Bang Bang* headlining Robert Downey Jr. and Val Kilmer.

Now, Black strikes it lucky for a third time with the unlikely comic pairing of Russell Crowe and Ryan Gosling in *The Nice Guys*, a hare-brained missing persons caper set in sexually liberated 1977 Los Angeles.

The script delivers big, throaty laughs from the cynical opening, "Marriage is buying a house with someone you hate," and adroitly juggles physical and verbal humour, inflicting injuries and indignities on his leading men for our sport and entertainment.

It's a groovy kind of bromantic love and Crowe and Gosling relish the to and fro of the snappy dialogue as they gleefully contend with the fashions of the era.

Jackson Healy (Crowe) is a hired heavy, who beats up perverts and stalkers with his knuckleduster.

A young woman called Amelia Kuttner (Margaret Qualley) pays him to scare off low-rent private detective Holland March (Gosling), who has been asking for her around town.

The first meeting of these two men ends in

bloodshed and broken bones, but Jackson and Holland reluctantly agree to work together when Amelia subsequently vanishes without trace.

"Why don't you invite him in?" asks Holland's precocious daughter Holly (Angourie Rice) when Jackson turns up at their door.

"No animals in the house, sweetheart," retorts the investigator, bearing the physical scars of their previous encounter.

The breadcrumb trail of evidence leads to Amelia's fearsome mother, Judith Kuttner (Kim Basinger), who works for the United States Department of Justice and pleads with Jackson and Holland to locate and protect her child.

Unfortunately, a hitman called John Boy (Matt Bomer) is also on the trail of Amelia, and Holland also needs to solve the perplexing mystery of porn actress Misty Mountains (Murielle Telio), who was apparently seen alive two days after she died in a car accident.

The Nice Guys doesn't quite soar to the dizzy heights of Black's previous escapades, but he comes close, retaining an enviable ability to conjure jaw-dropping one-liners out of nowhere.

Such as when the central pair are detained by a police officer who is simply following the rulebook.

"You know who else was just following orders? Hitler!" counters Jackson.

The central plot is a morass of crosses, double crosses, bluffs and coincidences that intrigues and bamboozles, untangling itself in the closing frames with aplomb.

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 RATING: 7/10

Dinner party turns into a farce

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Chris and Ken Gorman are the first to arrive and discover that he has been shot and his wife – and all the staff – have disappeared.

As more and more people arrive for the party, a variety of convoluted explanations have to be concocted to try to keep them from the truth – and no one is sure what the truth is anyway. Then, just as the confusion and mis-communication mount, the police arrive.

This play is jammed with Simon's witty one-liners as the guests try to keep things from getting out of hand – and they do, with a very surprising ending.

Theydon Bois Drama Society, which was founded in 1925, has presented a wide range of comedies and tragedies, thrillers, variety shows, revues, pantomimes and music over the years.

The society is a member of the National

Operatic and Dramatic Association (NODA) and in recent years has been nominated for, and won, several NODA awards.

As well as being nominated for awards on an annual basis over the past 10 years, it has won three awards outright including The Ron Kench Shield for Drama for *The Roses of Eyam*, directed by Jan Freeman in 2005; the Flame Award in 2008 for inspirational contribution to the pursuit of excellence in the theatre and The Pat Redhead Drama Award in 2009 for *By Jeeves*, also directed by Jan Freeman.

For further information and tickets to see *Big The Musical* at Brookside Theatre, Romford, which runs until Saturday, June 4, visit brooksidetheatre.com or call the theatre's box office on 01708 755755.

For more details and tickets to see *Rumours* at Theydon Village Hall, between June 9 and 11, visit theydondrama.org or call Mr and Mrs James on 01992 812250.

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There are few people now who would admit to using a CD Walkman, a combo TV, or even, snigger, a VHS video recorder – mainly because technology has accelerated so quickly in the past 30 years that these items have fast become obsolete.

But they are the kind of things you might never have got around to throwing away – and if you are still hanging on to any items from the 1980s, '90s or early 2000s that were the most advanced piece of kit at the time, but now just seem adorably old-fashioned, rejoice – you could be sitting on a small fortune.

The credit comparison site has found that a lot of what we think of as junk could actually be worth quite a lot of money, meaning it could be time to dust off that Casio calculator watch or that '80s Nintendo Gameboy and exchange it for some cash, and invest it in the latest, shiniest equivalent.

While the trend for tech has been for items to get smaller and sleeker, some people out there are willing to pay a price for clunkier pieces that have, in their own way,

become retro-classics.

TotallyMoney.com has come up with a quiz where you can try guessing what an item would sell for, from a Polaroid camera to an old, analogue dial phone, at totalymoney.com/retro-tech/.

It turns out you could get more than £50 for your ancient rotary phone, or make up to £561 for that dusty old Polaroid.

If you think your guessing will be way off the mark, just go to totalymoney.com/retro-tech/infographic/ for a ready-reckoner of how much you could make.

That Sony CD Walkman that has been languishing in a drawer for years could fetch £273 (the modern equivalent costs just £34.99), and an old JVC VHS player could make you around £355.

Do not chuck out that early iPod Classic, as a version from 2001 could earn you £807, and it is worth asking your parents or grandparents what they have lying around as an old Underwood typewriter from the 1930s could fetch nearly £1,000, while the giant, cube-like Apple Macintosh 128k could make around £1,274.

"It's surprising how valuable technology from the last 10 years can be now," says Joe Gardiner from TotallyMoney.com. "We tend to think of retro-technology as worthless, but there is a whole niche where people want to remember and restore these items."



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- Development Healing Circle – Face Salon, Burdett Avenue, Westcliff, an understanding of spiritual healing and prayer, 8-9.30pm, 07879 004744.
- Fitness Walking – from Leigh Tennis Club, Highlands Boulevard, Leigh, 7.15-8.15pm, 01702 715509.
- Scrabble Club – Wesley Church Hall, Elm Road, Leigh Broadway, (opp police station), beginners welcome, no partner needed, 7-10pm, £3, call 01268 727915.
- Hadleigh Castle Townswomen's Guild – Appliance Hall, Old Fire Station, High Street, SS2 2PA, 1.30-3.30pm. Visitors £2.50.
- IT help sessions – Billericay Library, 10.30am to noon. Details 01277 624624.

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■ Magic: The Gathering Club – play and trade, beginners welcome, Laindon Community Centre, SS15 6NX, 6-10pm, email: BasilidonMTG@hotmail.com.
 ■ Parent and Toddler Messy Play Group – Buttercup Club, St Michael's and All Angels Church, Sir Walter Raleigh Drive, Rayleigh, 9.30am and 11am. 01702 712150.
 ■ Alzheimer's Society Men's Motivational Group – call 01702 345156 or 343121.
 ■ Anchor Folk Club – Brooke Williams, 7-9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, 8pm, £8, 01702 715111.
 ■ Counselling service – The Olive Tree Centre, 9am-9pm, call 01702 524346, enquiries@olivetreecentre.org.uk.
 ■ Yoga Class – Thorpedene Community Centre, Delaware Road, Shoeburyness, 7-8.30pm, £6, bring a blanket and yoga mat, ages 16-plus, 07961 314983.
 ■ Social Dance Class – instruction, in ballroom, Latin American and sequence, 8.30-10.30pm, Ashington and East Hawkwell Memorial Hall. 01702 546219 /542349.
 ■ Table Tennis – 7.30-10.30pm, The Megacentre, 7 Brook Road, Rayleigh, £3.60 per session.
 ■ Weekly Craft Group – Oasis Coffee House, 189 Leigh Road, Leigh, 2.30-4pm. No charge, Emma 01702 471873.
 ■ Social Dance – 1.45pm, St Cedd's Church, Bridgewater Drive, Westcliff, Ballroom, sequence, Latin, 01702 618771.
 ■ Scrabble Club – Hockley Social Centre (rear of library), 6.30-10pm, first two visits free, 01702 205910.
 ■ Evening of clairvoyance – St Cecilia's Christian Spiritualist Church, 9 Lord Roberts Avenue, Leigh, 7.15pm, £2, Details Pat 07708 692041.
 ■ Folk Music – The Hoy at Anchor Folk Club, Royal British Legion, 7/9 Northview Drive, Westcliff, Steve Tilston, 8pm. 01702 715111.
 ■ Willows Park Short Mat Bowls Club requires new or experienced players – James Hornsby School, Laindon. First session free, call or text 07952 043456.
 ■ Tea Dance – Ashington Memorial Hall, Ashington Road, Rochford, ballroom, Latin and sequence, 2-4pm. 01702 584575.
 ■ Ladies Fellowship – Salvation Army in Hadleigh, 7.30pm, 50p per week or annual subscription, just come along or call 017002 551470.
 ■ The Puffer's Club, Exercise Class for people with breathing difficulties run by people with breathing difficulties, Ambleside Sports and Social Club, Ambleside Drive, Southend, 12.45-2.30pm. 01702 610050/466827.

■ Pathfinders Blind and Partially Sighted Group – Fryerns Baptist Church, Whitmore Way, 9.30am-2pm.
 ■ The George Hurd Centre, Audley Way, Basildon, for the over-50s, yoga: 10-11am, sit down Yoga: 11.10-12.10, Keep fit: noon to 1pm, line dancing: 1.20-2.20pm, chess: 1.30-3.30pm, craft: 1.30-3.30pm. 01268 465854.
 ■ Singles Social Group – The Mews, Nelson Mews off Clarence Road car park, Southend, age 50-plus, 8pm. 07970 432994.
 ■ Singles Friendship Club for 50 plus – South Benfleet Social Club, 8.15pm, details Maureen 01268 692998.
 ■ New and nearly new stall – outside St Martin's Church, Town Centre, Basildon, (if wet in church foyer), 10am to noon.
 ■ Table Top Sale – Outpatients Foyer, Southend Hospital, 9.30am-3pm, Breathe Easy Southend, helping support people with lung problems. 01702 258661.
 ■ Bingo and Hoy – Wick Community Centre, Wickford, 1.30-4pm, details John Clarke 01268 570575.
 ■ Top Cats Social Club, (Southend Mencap) – Castle View School, Meppel Avenue, Canvey, 7-9.45pm, for adults with learning disabilities age 25-plus, £2 per session, details 01702 341250.
 ■ Tuesday Luncheon Club – Inter-Church Caring for the Elderly and Disabled, Avenue Baptist Church Hall, Milton Road, Westcliff, for people living alone or with their carers, details 01702 478691/ 525141/340617.
 ■ Little Lunchers Activity Club – St Michael's Church, Rayleigh, 11.45am-1.15pm.
 ■ Vange Tots – Vange Community Centre, Vange Hill Drive, Vange, 9.30-11.30am, admission £1, snack and drinks provided for all. 01268 498642.
 ■ Shoebury Flagship – Rainbow Children's Centre, Friars School, Constable Way, Shoeburyness, 1.30-3.30pm, health visiting team with advice and support for parents with babies and children up to five years old. 01702 577656.

Wednesday, June 8

■ South East Essex Ramblers – 10.5-mile walk, Flatford Mill, Constable country revisited. 8.45am car share from Rawreth Lane Rec Ground, Rayleigh, SS11 8SN. Details Alan 01702 523287.
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LOOK OF LOVE: Sarah Day (Rose) and Wade Lewin (Jack) outside Romford railway station Photo by Mark Sepple
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7. Caring about sport (6)
8. Walks on beams (6)
10. Become aware of being defrosted (7)
11. Fish with degrees? (5)
12. Cultivate a cash register (4)
13. An English city's tourist attractions (5)
17. I step around the ski-slope (5)
18. Robe made from a goat (4)
22. Does it follow an ace in tennis? (5)
23. Earned 144 for the senior journalist (7)
24. See the ball go out of this world (6)
25. Animal with a long time to find a bird (6)

DOWN

1. Rock in great confusion (7)
2. Hastily move the coal container (7)
3. A light meal of nutmeg top in wine (5)
4. Diplomat's case (7)
5. Insect-infested car? (5)
6. A girl returns with something valuable (5)
9. Benefit of following 22 (9)
14. Railmen moving ore (7)
15. A boat carrying drink (7)
16. Coming down to earth on the first floor (7)
19. Saying it's a commercial era (5)
20. Trout prepared for a teacher (5)
21. French king or American saint (5)

QUICK CLUES

ACROSS

7. Almost (6)
8. Assemble (6)
10. Work (7)
11. Slice (5)
12. Blow (4)
13. Brag (5)
17. Accoutre (5)
18. Exploit (4)
22. Shut (5)
23. Rare (7)
24. Burning (6)
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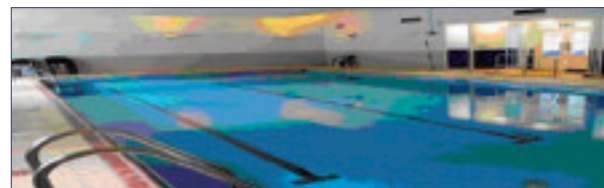
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1. Bill (7)
2. Remove (4,3)
3. Calm (5)
4. Dawn (7)
5. Corpulent (5)
6. Classify (5)
9. Tuneful (9)
14. Press (7)
15. Authentic (7)
16. Pretentious (7)
19. Bit (5)
20. Rashness (5)
21. Suppress (5)

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Across: 1. Delia; 4. Dogdays; 8. Bustles; 9. Tact; 10. Cash; 11. Water-ski; 13. Cues; 14. Feed; 16. Epidemic; 17. Acer; 20. Tinge; 21. Present; 22. Roister; 23. Topsy.
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Four Bedrooms £384,995

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The Westerings, Hockley

£585,000

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Three Bedrooms £425,000

An exceptional three bedroom detached house is located in the bournes green school catchment area, with a superb size lounge, conservatory extension, guest WC and en suite to master bedroom. Boasting a wider plot than usual with a sweep in/out driveway.

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High Street, Shoeburyness

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Three bedroom semi detached house with a luxurious interior - stunning bespoke kitchen with contemporary open plan living accommodation. Viewing is essential to appreciate the love, care & attention this home has received in recent times. Superb open plan living within easy reach of major C2C rail links & award winning blue flag beaches.

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Leitrim Avenue, Shoeburyness

Four Bedrooms £525,000

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Barnstaple Road, Thorpe Bay

Three Bedrooms £475,000

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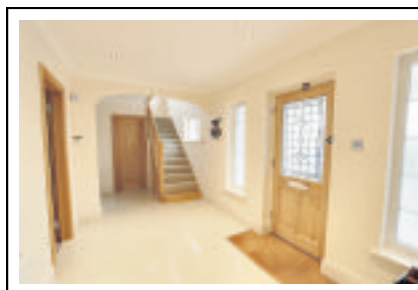
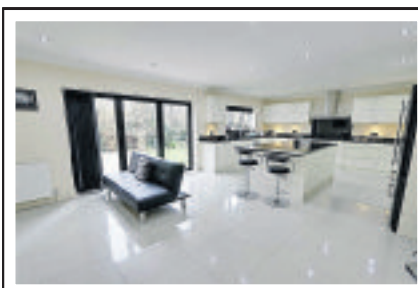


Thorpe Hall Avenue, Thorpe Bay

Four Bedrooms £925,000

This stunning goldsworthy family home is being offered for sale and has scope to extend. A substantial size detached home in a great location for commuters only moments away from the mainline station. The property boasts a wonderful kitchen/family room measuring some 26'0 X 16'0. With a large reception hallway and other benefits such as two large reception rooms, galleried landing, two en suites and a family bathroom. There is a super size 90ft x 60ft West backing garden, ample parking to the front with a large driveway for numerous cars.

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Southend On Sea £110,000



Sorrell are favoured with instructions to offer for sale this attractive second floor retirement apartment situated within a sought after block within central Southend, being very short distance to Southend High Street and mainline railway station. The block is well maintained with attractive communal areas, large communal lounge, giving direct access to attractive gardens.

Westcliff On Sea £130,000



Attractive and well maintained second floor apartment situated within a popular location of Westcliff. Preston Road is situated close to Hamlet Court Road shops and Westcliff railway station and South of the London Road. The property has the advantage of full gas central heating and double glazing as well as views towards the Estuary and own allocated off street parking space.

Southend On Sea £680 pcm



BRAND NEW APARTMENT. Open plan lounge and kitchen incorporating fitted kitchen with four ring integrated gas hob oven and grill, double bedrooms, bathroom with independent shower over the bath. Communal stairs and lifts to all floors, personal storage cupboard within communal area. Allocated off street parking for one vehicle. Full double glazing and gas central heating. No housing. No pets. No smokers.

Leigh On Sea £1000 pcm



Being situated within the sought after Marine Estate is this immaculate and attractive apartment. Spacious lounge/diner, quality fitted kitchen with integrated washing machine, tumble dryer, fridge/freezer, electric cooker with extractor fan. Two double bedrooms, attractive bathroom with separate shower cubicle, white suite with chrome fittings, full double glazing and gas central heating. Quality carpets and curtains and blinds. Own garage. Sorry no pets or children.



WESTCLIFF ON SEA INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR SALE £260,000

The mixed commercial/retail investment opportunity consists of a A1 retail unit, a rear ground floor one bedroom flat, small courtyard garden and a first floor three bedroom flat.

SOUTHEND ON SEA SHOP TO LET £7,500 PER ANNUM



Main sales area with rear lobby and cloakroom off. Storage space under stairs. Doors from rear of shop to rear yard area, approached via wide concreted access road leading from Victoria Road. Sales Forecourt to front of shop.



WICKFORD TO LET £10,000 PER ANNUM

The property is a mid terrace industrial/warehouse unit of steel portal frame with profiled insulated panels to walls and roof. Roller shutter and pedestrian access doors with male and female toilets. Allocated car parking to front and on site.



SOUTHEND ON SEA OFFICE TO LET £9,500 PER ANNUM

This recently refurbished first floor front office benefiting from three separate offices and storage area. Recent works carried out include new double glazing, new carpets and decorated throughout. Communal male and female toilets and kitchen. Two allocated parking spaces.

SHOEBURNESS SHOP TO LE FROM £4,250 PER ANNUM



This lock up shop consists of a main sales area with kitchen area and toilet to the rear. There is a forecourt area to display goods.



ROCHFORD SHOP TO LET £5,500 PER ANNUM

The premises are located in a predominately residential area in a parade of shops and consist of a double glazed frontage, a main sales area with toilet and stainless steel sink unit. There is on street public parking to the front and side of the property.



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RAYLEIGH £445,000

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WESTCLIFF ON SEA £425,000

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HADLEIGH £315,000

- Detached bungalow located close to Hadleigh town
- Large 3pce shower room, kitchen & lounge
- 75' Rear garden (unmeasured)
- Requires modernising and updating
- No chain EPC Band D



HADLEIGH £195,000

- Second Floor 2 bed Flat with long lease
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- * Allocated Parking/GCH
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WESTCLIFF-ON-SEA £1250 pcm

- * Four Bedroom House
- * Lounge with Feature Place
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- * Downstairs Cloakroom.
- * Fitted Kitchen with Oven & Hob
- * Three Double Bedrooms and One Single
- * Three pce Bathroom with Mixer Shower
- * Rear Garden
- * Energy Efficiency Band E

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BENFLEET £800 pcm

- * Two Bedroom Second Floor Flat
- * Gas Central Heating
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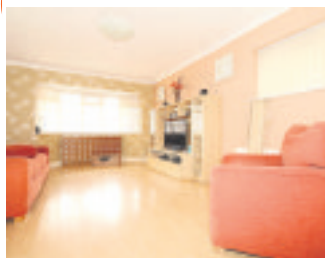
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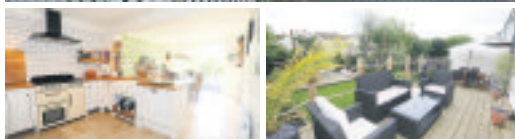
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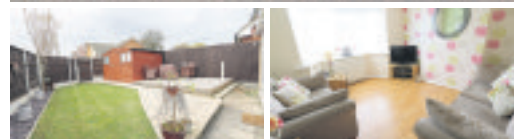
A Deceptively Large Property In This Serene Location Affording Beautiful Views To The South Over Open Countryside \ Reception Lobby 11'0 x 8'2 \ Ground Floor Cloakroom \ Reception Hall 18'0 x 14'5 max \ Dining Room 12'11 x 10'11 \ Sitting Room 24'9 max into bay x 12'0 \ Media Room 11'10 x 10'10 \ Kitchen/Breakfast Room 23'3 x 10'1 max \ Utility Room 8'10 x 6'4 \ Storage Area 10'5 x 9'3 \ Rear Porch \ Master Suite Incorporating Bedroom 13'5 plus wardrobe depth x 11'0 With Walk In Wardrobe, En-Suite & Sun Terrace \ Bedroom Two 12'0 x 10'8 With En-Suite Shower Room \ Bedroom Three 10'11 x 9'5 \ Bedroom Four 10'8 x 8'11 \ Bedroom Five 10'11 x 7'10 \ Bathroom & Separate WC \ South Facing 75ft Landscaped Rear Garden With Views Over Open Countryside \ Substantial Off Street Parking Facility For Several Vehicles \ South Facing PV Cells Generating A Feed In Tariff Of Approx £1,800 Per Year Plus The Use Of The Electricity Generated \ EPC Band C \ Call 01702 555888

HADLEIGH / **£350,000**WESTWOOD
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An Extended Three Bedroom Semi Detached Family Home In This Delightful Position & In Immaculate Condition All Which Is Tastefully Decorated \ Ground Floor Cloakroom \ Lounge 19'10 x 12'5 \ Kitchen/Diner 22'8 x 10'7 \ Utility Room 9'8 x 6'4 \ Bedroom One 12'1 x 10'10 \ Bedroom Two 10'11 x 9'11 \ Bedroom Three 8'11 x 8'6 \ Three Piece Bathroom Suite \ 60ft Rear Garden \ Garage & Off Street Parking \ Must Be Viewed \ EPC Band F \ Call 01702 555888

Daws Heath, HADLEIGH / **Guide £425,000 - £440,000**DESIRABLE
LOCATION

A Deceptively Large Detached Residence Built C.1868 On The Highly Regarded Daws Heath Which Must Be Viewed Internally To Be Fully Appreciated \ Lounge 18'11 x 15'0 \ Dining Room 15'8 x 11'1 \ Kitchen/Breakfast Room 21'1 x 9'9 \ Utility Space \ Ground Floor Shower Room \ Bedroom One 12'8 x 11'3 With En-Suite Shower Room \ Bedroom Two 13'9 x 10'7 \ Bedroom Three 12'5 x 8'2 \ Four Piece Bathroom Suite \ 70ft Landscaped South Facing Rear Garden \ Detached Summerhouse 12'2 x 10'3 With Shower Room \ Detached Garage To Rear 12'2 x 9'4 \ Off Street Parking \ Call 01702 555888

HADLEIGH / **£315,000**WEST
BACKING

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HADLEIGH / **Guide £550,000 - £575,000**KING JOHN
CATCHMENT

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THUNDERSLEY / **Guide £350,000 - £360,000**POPULAR
LOCATION

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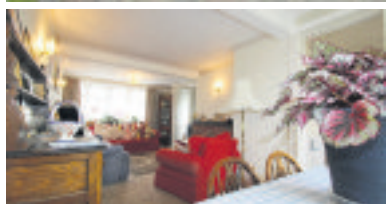
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This is a good size three bedroom semi-detached house in Benfleet comprising of a large lounge, good size kitchen, downstairs WC, two double and one single bedrooms and a modern bathroom. There is a driveway for two cars, a garage and a landscaped rear garden. The property has been fully refurbished throughout! EPC Band D / Fees Apply .

Benfleet

£1,250pcm



TO LET



This is a three bedroom semi detached house in Benfleet close to the local amenities, comprising of a lounge, modern kitchen, conservatory, downstairs bathroom, a large master bedroom with ensuite and two further bedrooms. Externally there is a rear garden with patio area and off street parking! EPC on order / Fees Apply

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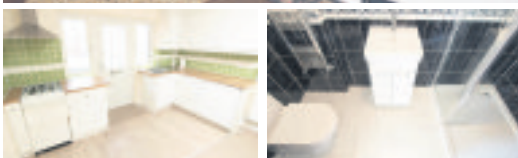
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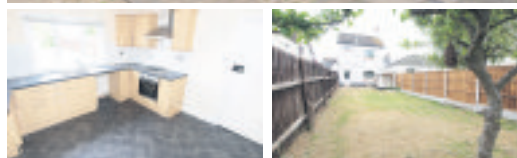
In the heart of Barling village is this one double bedroom ground floor annex flat, offering off street parking, an open plan lounge / modern kitchen including white goods, a modern bathroom and the double bedroom with patio doors opening onto a decked area. With all Bills INCLUDED! EPC Band F / Fees Apply

Leigh on Sea

£1,200 pcm



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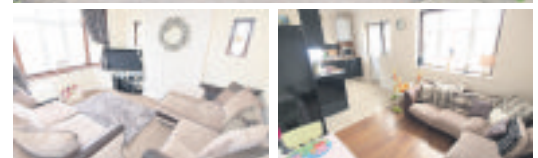
This is a spacious three bedroom detached house situated within a sought after location close to Chalkwell train station, Leigh Broadway & local schools. With a modern fitted Kitchen / dining Area, utility room, lounge, three piece bathroom suite, three bedrooms and a well maintained rear garden with patio area! EPC Band E / Fees Apply

Eastwood

£1,050pcm



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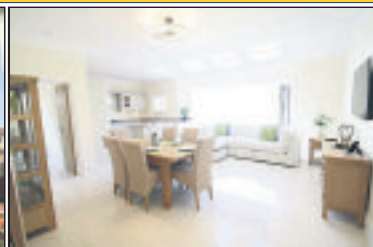


This two bedroom detached bungalow in Eastwood is within walking distance to the local amenities. The property features a good size lounge, modern kitchen with dining area, a lean to, double bedroom and a single bedroom and a modern bathroom. With a large rear garden, garage and off street parking! EPC Band D / Fees Apply



Stunning four bedroom house, Westleigh Schools Catchment area £560,000

Internal viewing is essential of this stunning four bedroom family house with SOUTH BACKING GARDEN, situated within WALKING DISTANCE OF LEIGH STATION AND WITHIN THE WESTLEIGH SCHOOLS CATCHMENT AREA. Impressive block paved driveway & parking area, detached garage, lovely south facing landscaped rear garden, four bedrooms, en suite shower room to 20' x 17' master bedroom, elegant lounge, cloaks/w.c., 21' x 20' superb open plan family room, dining room and luxury kitchen. Ref etl5449



Luxury new houses near Leigh Station £750,000

KEYS AVAILABLE FOR THE SHOW HOUSE - Ready for occupation, prime location within the Westleigh Schools catchment area on the edge of the MARINE ESTATE close to Leigh Broadway and walking distance of Leigh Station. The truly luxurious accommodation includes four bedrooms, 23'8 x 14' master bedroom with en suite, 2nd en suite to bedroom two, large lounge, amazing 25' x 19' open plan kitchen & family room with Bi-fold doors, Early viewing is strongly advised. (Ref etl5442)



Probate Sale, Leigh £255,000

PROBATE SALE - Vacant Semi detached bungalow REQUIRING SOME MODERNISATION with wide plot and PARKING FOR 8 CARS, garage, two bedrooms, modern gas c/h, fitted kitchen, bathroom/w.c., large lounge / diner, busy and very convenient location adjacent to and at the junction of the A127 Arterial Road, Keys available for viewing. Etl5435

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Superb south backing plot, Leigh-on-sea £469,995

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Seymour Road, Hadleigh

BRADLEYS COUNTRYWIDE are pleased to bring to the market this spacious 2 bedroom bungalow offering huge potential for any in-going purchaser to put their own stamp on the property. The bungalow is set within a sought after location just a short stroll from the shops, cafes and amenities of Hadleigh town centre along with schools and bus routes to Southend-On-Sea. **Keys held for viewings.**



£750 PCM

Leigh Road, Leigh-On-Sea

We are pleased to bring to the market this spacious 2 bedroom first floor apartment. The property is situated in the heart of Leigh-On-Sea and is just a stones throw from Chalkwell train station as well as the popular shops, bars, cafes and restaurants of the Broadway and Leigh Road. The property offers a large lounge-kitchen, 2 good size bedrooms and a spacious bathroom. **Call to arrange a viewing.**



£800.00 PCM

London Road, Leigh-on-Sea

BRADLEYS COUNTRYWIDE are delighted to offer to the market this spacious, 2 double bedroom property, the property is well presented throughout and provides a spacious kitchen-diner, large lounge, 2 double bedrooms and allocated off street parking. Available early June. Call Bradleys today to arrange a viewing. **Keys held.**



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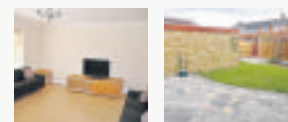
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By Maxine Ashford

LOVE 'em or loathe them there's no denying that Citroen has never shied away from taking a chance with the designs of its cars – some have proved best sellers while others have plummeted like a lead balloon.

There have been some whacky shapes and sizes over the years, but one car stood out as a great newcomer in 2001 – the larger-than-life Citroen C5.

In those days when the "larger" car was all the rage, buyers couldn't get enough of the stylish French masterpiece with 45,502 Mk 1 models sold from 2001 to 2004.

The second generation Mk 2 from 2004 to 2008 saw a fall in sales with just 11,711 units sold. But the latest third generation model has really suffered the biggest downfall with 17,105 sales over eight years. And it's because of that decline that the C5 UK sales books have been closed and the vehicle will no longer be produced in right hand drive format.

That's a shame because the car, despite being rather dated, still offers plenty of appeal and has one of the smoothest rides over any bumpy or pothole-ridden surface.

The original car was renowned for its development of Citroen's hydropneumatic suspension – now called Hydractive 3 – which raised and lowered the suspension to offer the most comfortable and efficient ride.

From the outside, the C5 looks impres-



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sive with sweeping lines, 18-inch alloys, Xenon directional lights, body-coloured bumpers, door handles and mirrors, chrome trim and LED daytime running lights. Inside there is enough room to house a small army with ample space for three adults to stretch out in comfort in the back seats and there is plenty of on-board technology included in the £29,560 asking price (£32,520 with some options added).

Features include a great sound system, sat nav, dual zone air conditioning, cruise control, a colour touchscreen, Bluetooth connectivity, part-leather upholstery, reversing camera, mood lighting and plenty more besides. The interior does look

quite dated with an abundance of hard plastic on show and you have to be some sort of a contortionist to access the cup holder inside the deep central bin.

But the C5 still delivers when it comes to performance. During a long drive, covering around 500 miles, there were several factors that impressed. One was the extreme comfort levels and the other was the economy. I was seeing an average of 59mpg which is close to the official figure.

In town centres the car handled well with the parking sensors and reversing camera proving useful when squeezing into tight spaces. In fact, the C5 was far more agile and easy to manoeuvre than I expected.

On faster lanes it was responsive as it moved smoothly through the gears with a constant supply of power at your disposal.

The road-holding was assured and there was next-to-no engine, road surface or wind noise within the cabin.

The boot capacity is generous at 439 litres, a capacity that can be increased with the split-folding rear seats lowered.

It seems a shame that the C5 will be discontinued, but I suppose all good things have to come to an end.

A spokesman for Citroen explained: "Sales have declined in the past few years in line with the product life-cycle. Demand has moved to vehicles in other segments such as SUVs and MPVs. A combination of the current C5s sale performance and declining volumes in the segment explains our decision to withdraw C5 in the UK."

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LAKESIDE GRAB LATE VICTORY

Speedway

LAKESIDE performed last-heat heroics as they snatched a dramatic 46-44 away win over Leicester at Beaumont Park on Saturday.

The Vortex Hammers completed a quick-fire double over the Lions with a battling display just 24 hours after their crushing victory when the sides met at the Arena-Essex Raceway.

The Purfleet outfit led for the majority of the meeting, but were pegged back as the home side struck back-to-back 5-1s in heats eight and nine.

They entered the final race level but guest Craig Cook roared to victory while skipper Andreas Jonsson blasted into third place to ensure they snatched victory.

It was a gutsy performance from the high-flying Hammers – and promoter Jon Cook was full of praise for the character shown by his side.

Cook said: “The meeting was on a knife-edge throughout, so we were delighted to get over the line

and get the win in the last race.

“Craig Cook was an absolutely superb guest for us, and with AJ he did the business in the last race which was superb.

“We weren’t at our best, we perhaps had a win that was too easy last night, and we made hard work of it.

“Fair play to Leicester, they made things hard for us, but the boys got the job done when the chips were down and we are delighted to get an away win.”

Cook top scored for the visitors with 11+1, while Grand Prix star Jonsson also notched paid double figures.

Richard Lawson bagged an important nine points in the No.3 spot as Lakeside won the battle of the heat leaders.

Leicester skipper Nicolai Klindt struck a stunning seven-ride paid maximum at reserve for the hosts, but the Hammers ran just six last places with a strong all-around team display.

After their confident start to the season with two tremendous wins, the Vortex Hammers will face a

SKIPPER: Andreas Jonsson
Photo by Martin Dalton



tough test as they host in-form Wolverhampton in front of the Sky TV cameras on Wednesday (8pm).
LEICESTER 44: Nicolai Klindt 20+1, Patrick Hougaard 9+2, Josh Auty 6+2,

Aaron Summers 5, Davey Watt 4, Chris Widman 0, Szymon Wozniak r/r.
LAKESIDE 46: Craig Cook 11+1, Andreas Jonsson 9+1, Richard Lawson 9, Edward Kennett 5+1, Lewis Kerr 4+3, Lewis Bridger 4+1, Robert Mear 4.

Midfield dynamo O’Leary signs for Gulls

Football

CANVEY ISLAND have captured the signature of Kingstonian midfielder Lee O’Leary.

The 30-year-old, who has had spells with Hendon, Chertsey Town, Brook House, AFC Wimbledon and Wealdstone links up with the Gulls despite initially agreeing terms to stay with the K’s.

He scored two goals in 32 appearances for the south west Londoners during the last campaign as they finished seventh in the Ryman Premier Division, ahead of his new employers.

Speaking about his new signing to the club’s official website, Gulls manager Danny Heale said: “I’ve been tracking Lee over the last year after finding out that he’d moved to the Essex area.

“He has great quality with both



Canvey boss Danny Heale (left) with new signing Lee O’Leary

Picture courtesy of Canvey Island FC

feet, has an excellent range of passing and is very good in the air

as well.

“He will bring great experience

to the side and I am looking forward to working with him.”

Meanwhile the Gulls have announced their list of retained players for the new season.

Marlon Agyakwa, Cliff Akurang, Harrison Chatting, Jay Curran, Ashley Dumas, Mitchell Gilbey, Daniel Gilchrist, Conor Gough, Richard Halle, Omarr Lawson, Jake Pitty, Steve Sheehan, Tony Stokes, and Martin Tuohy will all return to Park Lane for pre-season training.

Heale added: “I’m very pleased that we will have a solid and consistent base from which to build from.

“There is always interest from elsewhere for players, but the fact that so many of the lads want to come back next season says a lot about what a great bunch they are and how much they enjoy playing together for the club.”

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Non-league round-up

Day named as new boss at Braintree

By Brian Jeeves

NATIONAL League side Braintree Town have appointed Jamie Day as first team manager.

Day arrives at Cressing Road having managed fellow National Leaguers Welling United as well as working with both Ebbsfleet United and Forest Green Rovers.

As a player, midfielder Day began his career at Arsenal. After failing to break through into the Gunners first team, he joined AFC Bournemouth in 1999 for £20,000. He can also name Dover Athletic, Crawley Town and Grays Athletic among clubs he has represented.

The 36-year-old takes up the Iron hotseat after Danny Cowley quit to link up with Lincoln City following Braintree’s play-off defeat to Grimsby Town.

Day wasted no time in adding to the Iron’s pre-season dates. They travel to Scraley Road to play Heybridge Swifts on Saturday, July 9 (3pm), and face Concord Rangers at the Aspect Arena on Tuesday, July 26 (7.45pm).

National League South new boys East Thurrock United have signed Lee Burns from Dartford.

The 32-year-old defender rejoins the Rocks after a lengthy spell with the Princes Park club.

Ryman League outfits Great Woking Rovers and Canvey Island have pre-season friendlies with Southend United. The Blues visit Burroughs Park on Saturday, July 9 (1pm), then travel to Park Lane on Tuesday, July 12 (7.45pm).

Eastern Region Women’s Football League Premier Division outfit Great Woking Ladies are on the lookout for new players for the forthcoming campaign.

Players interested in joining the club can call Lucy on 07745 342498 or follow the team on facebook Greatwoking Ladiesfc or twitter @WakingLadies.

Junior football club Southendian Manor are to host a Euro 2016 Family Fanzone day to celebrate the tournament in France.

The event is at the club’s Garon Park ground on Saturday, June 11, from 3pm to 10.30pm, with a giant 12 square metre outdoor HD screen showing England’s game with Russia and Wales play Slovenia.

As well as the football, Manor have bouncy castles, face painting, football coaching, games and competitions, Fifa on the big screen, with music and entertainment provided by the Radio Essex Street Team.

People can get tickets by calling 07825 808684, visiting the Southendian clubhouse at Garon Park on Saturday mornings or contact via the Southendian Manor YFC Facebook page.

Tickets are £10 for adults, £5 for U16s and U5s have free entry. For all other enquiries visit southendianmanor.co.uk.

Billericay Town Ladies FC are looking for new players. Open trials are being held at New Lodge, on Wednesday June 8 and 15 from 7.30-9pm.

Players must be at least 16 years of age to qualify for the Ladies League which starts in September.

Billericay Town also run girls’ teams in the Essex U14, U16 and U18 divisions and trials will be held during July.

Firm dates will be confirmed in the future. If you would like to attend a trial day confirm via info@billericaytownladiesfc.co.uk.



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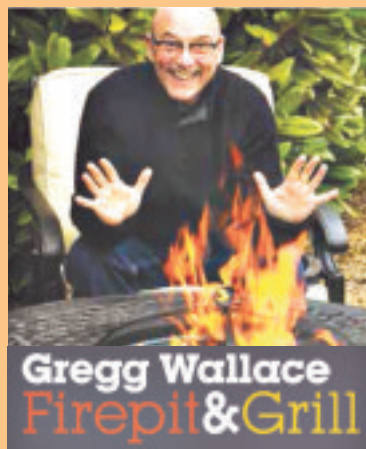


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